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City of Barrie

Final

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, April 14, 2022 | **4:00 PM** | **Virtual Meeting**

For consideration by the Finance and Corporate Services Committee on April 26, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair H. Morgan 4:01 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present:	5 -	M. Francis C. Moran H. Morgan L. Pope D. Taylor
Absent:	2 -	Chairman C. Kenwell Councillor R. Thomson

STAFF:
Committee Support Clerk, B. Thompson
Disability Management Specialist, C. Dillon
Engineering Project Manager, R. Graham
Landscape Architectural Planner, W. Loevenmark
Manager of Linear Infrastructure, A. Kiley
Senior Transportation Operations Technologits, J. MacDonald
Supervisor of Development Coordination, A. Hawboldt
Supervisor of Engineering Standards, M. Munshaw.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

WHEELCHAIR SWING PROJECT UPDATE

Kevin Bradley, Manager of Parks and Forestry provided an update concerning the Platform Wheelchair Swing Project.

Mr. Bradley outlined the St. Vincent Street Park concept drawing. He discussed the accessible elements for the park including the installation of a platform wheelchair swing and he also advised of the tentative timelines for construction. He explained the rationale to having the wheelchair swing installed at the St. Vincent Park.

The Committee asked questions related to accessible washrooms at the park. Cheryl Dillon, Diversity Management Specialist advised that she would invite the appropriate City staff to a future Committee meeting.

The Committee asked a number of questions of Mr. Bradley related to St. Vincent Street Park and Playground and received responses.

PRESENTATION CONCERNING A BARRIE WATERFRONT STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Wendy Loevenmark, Landscape Architectural Planner and Project Lead for the Barrie Waterfront Strategic Plan provided an update concerning the project.

Trevor McIntyre of IBI Group provided a presentation concerning the Barrie Waterfront Strategic Plan.

Mr. McIntyre discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The consulting team for the Barrie Waterfront Strategic Plan project;
- The goal and purpose of the project;
- A map illustrating the study area of the plan;
- A map illustrating the study area boundaries of the North Shore, West Shore and South Shore
- An overview and proposed timelines associated with the project;
- The role of the Committee in the Waterfront Strategic Plan Update;
- A map illustrating the current waterfront concept plan; and
- The current accessibility objectives of the plan.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions of the presenter and received responses. The Committee provided the following comments related to the Waterfront Strategic Plan:

- Increasing accessible parking and spaces for side loading vehicles at the waterfront;
- Signage for accessible parking spaces;
- Improvements to grading and surfacing of the pathways in the South shore area;
- Creating universal washrooms for an adult change spaces.

SIDEWALK ACCESSIBILITY DISCUSSION

The Committee and City staff from the Infrastructure and Development Services Departments discussed sidewalk accessibility.

Adam Kiley, Manager of Linear Infrastructure discussed his responsibilities related to construction and reconstruction of sidewalks in the municipality. He described the design differences of sidewalks constructed with tool joints and without tool joints, sidewalks constructed in new developments versus established neighbourhoods.

Michael Munshaw, Supervisor of Engineering Standards discussed his responsibilities as it relates to the City's policies and design standards for sidewalks in the municipality. He discussed the rationale and benefits of the City's new design standard related to construction of sidewalks without tool joints. He explained that plans are to communicate with City staff and developers about the municipality's new sidewalk design standards to better promote accessibility in the municipality

Adam Hawboldt, Supervisor of Development Coordination discussed his responsibilities as it relates to inspections of developments and construction of sidewalks. He advised that he felt that constructing sidewalks without tool joints would be easier and faster for the contractors.

Rachel Graham, Engineering Project Manager explained her role and responsibilities with the Infrastructure Department as it relates to contracts for the municipality. She discussed opportunities for the department to communicate with developers and contractors to promote accessibility and ensure compliance with *Accessibility with Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA).

Justin MacDonald, Senior Transportation Operations Technologist discussed his responsibilities as it relates to development applications, strategic and long-range planning for future roadways, sidewalks, bike lanes while ensuring compliance with the AODA standards. He provided an overview of the sidewalk information program including 2022 projects.

The Members of Committee asked a number of questions to City staff and received responses related to sidewalk accessibility.

NATIONAL ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN UPDATE

The item was deferred to a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

CHAIRMAN